

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, September 21, 2021)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which contains the Minutes of September 14, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. Constitution Week
- B. Underground Railroad Month
- C. National Senior Center Month

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Proposals - Presentation

Present: David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Ten legislative proposals were presented to the Commissioners for their review and consideration.

1. To request to amend Chapter 49-1B(2)(C) of *Article 19 of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County* – to amend the Emergency Services Support Tax per \$100 of assessable real

property to be determined by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County. (requested by Commissioner John O'Connor).

2. To request to amend §13-402(c)(12) and §21-104.5 of the *Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to authorize the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to designate on which county highways a person may operate a golf cart in St. Mary's County and to exempt Golf Carts from Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements in St. Mary's County under certain circumstances (requested by Commissioners Eric Colvin and John O'Connor)

3. To amend §29-106(b)(1) and (2) of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to revise the St. Mary's County Human Relations Commission "Duties" language. (requested by Lori Jennings-Harris, Director of Dept. of Aging and Human Services in conjunction with the Human Relations Commission).

4. To request to amend §20-405 of the *Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to increase the St. Mary's County Public Accommodations Tax cap (requested by Commissioner President Randy Guy).

5. To request to amend §10-402(C)(11) of the *Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to allow St. Mary's County Animal Control Officers to wear body cameras (requested by Stephen Walker, Director of Dept. of Emergency Services).

6. To request to amend §3-702(b) of the *Labor and Employment Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to exclude St. Mary's County Government paramedic and EMT applicants and St. Mary's County Government Emergency Communications Center applicants from prohibition of polygraph examinations. (requested by Stephen Walker, Director of Dept. of Emergency Services and Commissioner John O'Connor).

7. To request to amend §14-813(e)(2) of the *Tax - Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to amend the allowable expenses for auctioneer fees to be the "actual cost" charged by the auctioneer for each property sold at tax sale in St. Mary's County. (requested by Christine L. Kelly, Treasurer)

8. To request to amend §1-113 of the *General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to amend the definition of "newspaper" and "newspaper in general circulation." (requested by David Weiskopf, County Attorney).

9. To request to add *Local Government Article 12 Subtitle 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to include Motor Vehicle Towing and Immobilization on Private Property in St. Mary's County (requested by Commissioner John O'Connor).

Citizens Request

10. To request to amend §3-1101(g) of the *Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland* to limit elected members of the St. Mary's Board of Education to three (3) consecutive full four-year terms (requested by Vernon Gray, citizen).

4. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 5, 2021.

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SMCHD & SMCSO Detention and Rehabilitation Center's FY2022 Agreements for Jail Mental Health Services, Five County, PATH, STOP and SOR Medicated Assisted Treatment Agreements

I move to approve the FY2022 Jail Mental Health Services, Five County, PATH, STOP, and SOR MAT Agreements between the St. Mary's County Health Department and the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Detention and Rehabilitation Center, Project #'s MD2282, MD2237, US2203, MD2219, and US2207 for a total amount of \$778,951 with no required match and authorize the Sheriff and Commissioner President to execute the related budget and agreement documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - BOE - FY2023 - FY2028 State Capital Improvements Program

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letter of support for the FY2023 – FY2028 State Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Board of Education on September 8, 2021, to be submitted to the Interagency Commission on School Construction, in accordance with state procedures.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Award Recommendation for Inmate Medical Services

I move to authorize the Procurement Officer to award the Inmate Medical Services Contract to Prime Care Medical, Inc., in an amount estimated to exceed \$1 million, subject to receipt and acceptance of Contract related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

E. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Real Property - Proposed Sale of Bethune Educational Center

I move to approve the sale of surplus real property known as the Bethune Educational Center, located at 22975 Colton Point Road, Bushwood, to Mark Ryon and Sam Keyton, in the amount of \$350,000; and to authorize Commissioner President Guy to sign the Agreement of Sale and any other documents necessary to finalize the transfer.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

F. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - Radio Communications Interoperability

I move to approve the Department of Emergency Services request to proceed with an interoperability update project using the American Rescue Act Funding with the projected cost of \$463,888 in FY2022.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Animal Shelter Project Update

Present: John Deatrick, Director, Dept. of Public Works and Transportation

Steve Walker, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services

Drew Kelly, Project Manager, Dept of Public Works and Transportation

An update was presented on the Animal Shelter construction and the upcoming opening in 2022.

5. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Postponed

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:57 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 28, 2021.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator